

We claim:

1        1.     A hand-held, electronic computing device capable of wireless communication  
2        having a physical configuration comprising:

3            a body portion;

4            a display portion slidably coupled to the body portion;

5            a constantly visible display carried by the display portion;

6            an alphanumeric keyboard carried by the body portion;

7            wherein the alphanumeric keyboard is at least partially concealed by the display  
8        portion when not in use.

1        2.     The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 1, wherein the  
2        display portion completely conceals the alphanumeric keyboard.

1        3.     The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 1, wherein the  
2        display portion slides relative to the body portion in a plane that is generally parallel  
3        with the alphanumeric keyboard.

1        4.     The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 1, further  
2        comprising:

3            a means for supporting the display portion when the display portion is slid to  
4        reveal the alphanumeric keyboard.

1        5.     The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 1, wherein the  
2        display portion slides relative to the body portion along non-planar path.

1       6.     A hand-held, electronic computing device having a physical configuration  
2     comprising:

3             a body portion;

4             a display portion pivotally coupled to the body portion;

5             a constantly visible display carried by the display portion;

6             an alphanumeric keyboard carried by the body portion;

7             wherein the alphanumeric keyboard is at least partially concealed by the display  
8     portion when not in use.

1       7.     The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 6, wherein the  
2     display portion completely conceals the alphanumeric keyboard.

1       8.     The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 6, wherein the  
2     display portion pivots relative to the body portion in a plane that is generally parallel  
3     with the alphanumeric keyboard.

1 9. A hand-held, electronic computing device having a physical configuration  
2 comprising:

3 a body portion;

4 a display portion coupled to the body portion;

5 a constantly visible display carried by the display portion;

6 an alphanumeric keyboard slidingly coupled to the body portion;

7 wherein the alphanumeric keyboard is at least partially concealed within the body  
8 portion when not in use.

1 10. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 9, wherein the  
2 body portion completely conceals the alphanumeric keyboard when not in use.

3 11. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 9, wherein the  
4 alphanumeric keyboard translates relative to the body portion in a plane that is generally  
5 parallel with the constantly visible display.

1 12. A hand-held, electronic computing device having a physical configuration  
2 comprising:

3 a body portion;

4 a constantly visible display carried by the body portion;

5 an alphanumeric keyboard pivotally coupled to the body portion;

6 wherein the alphanumeric keyboard is at least partially concealed within the body  
7 portion when not in use.

1 13. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 12, wherein the  
2 body portion completely conceals the alphanumeric keyboard when not in use.  
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1 14. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 12, wherein the  
2 alphanumeric keyboard pivots relative to the body portion in a plane that is generally  
3 parallel with the constantly visible display.  
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1 15. A hand-held, electronic computing device having a physical configuration  
2 comprising:

3 a body portion;

4 an alphanumeric keyboard coupled to the body portion;

5 a display portion hingedly coupled to the body portion in a reverse clamshell  
6 fashion; and

7 a constantly visible display carried by the display portion.  
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